Statement-II

Details of Sub-Post Offices and Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices opened in various districts of Uttaranchal Circle during 2002-03

Departmental Sub Offices - Nil

Extra Departmental Branch Offices:

Sl. No.	District	Name of Branch Office
1	Bageshwar	Payyan
2	Pauri	(i) Gadiyun
		(ii) Bansi
3	Tehri	Bhainskot

Telephone ratio

†1213. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) availability of telephones per hundred persons in different States;

(b) whether any time-frame to make telephone availability upto the world level has been fixed; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Availability of telephone for hundred persons in different States are given in Statement. (*See* below).

(b) No Sir, time frame has not been fixed to take telephone availability to the world level. However NTP-99 envisage that the overall teledensity of 7 by the year 2005 and 15 by the year 2010.

(c) The details of steps taken/being taken in this regard are given as under:

1. Basic services have been opened for competition.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

2. Wireless in local loop (WLL) has been introduced for providing telephone conections in urban/semi urban and rural areas.

3. New technologies like WLL (CDMA, CorDECT) and GSM have been introduced in rural areas for faster roll out.

4. Two more cellular operators have been permitted in each circle.

5. Laying of Optical fibre and jelly filled under ground cables in access network.

Statement

TELEPHONE RATIO

STATE	Tele Density as on 30.06.2003
Andaman & Nicobar	9.64
Andhra Pradesh	6.05
Assam	1.96
Bihar	1.45
#Chhattisgarh	1.40
Delhi	31.67
Gujarat	8.12
Haryana	6.60
Himachal Pradesh	8.80
Jammu & Kashmir	2.53
#Jharkhand	1.58
Karnataka	7.31
Kerala	11.83
Madhya Pradesh	3.19
Maharashtra	9.89
North East	2.79
Orissa	2.44
Punjab	12.94
Rajasthan	3.67
Tamil Nadu	8.55

STATE	Tele Density as on 30.06.2003
#Uttaranchal	3.99
Uttar Pradesh	2.35
West Bengal	4.00
TOTAL:	5.49

Note:-

1.# These States were formed in the year 2002.
2. North-East includes the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura.
3. Maharashtra includes the State of Goa.
4. West Bengal includes the State of Sikkim.
5. Gujarat includes the Union Territories of (i) Dadra & Nagar Haveli & (ii) Daman & Diu.
6. Kerala includes the Union Territory of Lakshadweep Islands.
7. Punjab includes the Union Territory of Chandigarh.
8. Tamil Nadu includes the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

Telephone facilities in Singhbhum areas of Jharkhand

†1214. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no telephone facility in Badgaon, Suvan, Gayalkera, Tantnagar, Manjhari and Kumarigeri blocks of Singhbhum areas of Jharkhand.

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government to provide telephone facilities in these blocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Telephone facility is available in all these places. Telephone Exchanges are working at Badgaon (Bandgaon), Suvan (Sonua), Gayalkera (Goelkera) and Kumarigeri (Kumardungi). In Tantnagar and Manjhari there is no Telephone Exchange but are covered with telephone facility by Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) network.

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